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Provisional agenda and documentation for the fortieth session of the Commission

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

   Documentation

   Provisiona agenda and annotations

   Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

   Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session
3. Programme review: climate change and official statistics.

   Documentation

   Report of the programme reviewer
4. Demographic and social statistics:

   (a) Population and housing censuses;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General

   (b) Human settlements statistics;

   Documentation

   Report of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

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(c) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;

Documentation

Report of the Paris Group

(d) Health statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics

(e) Education statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(f) Statistics on drugs and drug use;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(g) Washington Group on Disability Measurement;

Documentation

Report of the Washington Group

(h) Migration statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(i) Employment statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(j) Gender statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Global Gender Statistics Programme

Report of the Friends of the Chair on the review of indicators on violence against women

5. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

(b) Energy statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics

(c) Statistics of services;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Services Statistics

Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics

(d) Information and communication technologies statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technologies for Development

(e) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(f) Price statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(b) Management issues in national statistical offices;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force to Establish Standards on Data and Metadata Exchange

(e) Coordination of ongoing methodological work;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21)

(g) Development indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(i) Working methods of the Statistical Commission;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(j) Regional statistical development.

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

7. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-first session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission

9. Report of the Commission on its fortieth session.

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Report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session

Draft report

Rapporteur: Péter **Pukli** (Hungary)

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters from 26 to 29 February 2008. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of 24 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2008/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February 2008, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:	Pali Lehohla (South Africa)
Vice-Chairpersons:	Heli Jeskanen-Sundström (Finland) Héctor Maldonado Gómez (Colombia) Ali Bin Mahboob bin Hassan (Oman)
Rapporteur:	Péter Pukli (Hungary)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February 2008, following statements made by the observer for Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and the representative of China, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2008/1, as orally revised. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   - (a) Programme review: employment statistics;
   - (b) Education statistics;
   - (c) International Comparison Programme;
   - (d) National accounts;
   - (e) Integrated economic statistics;
   - (f) Tourism statistics;
   - (g) Distributive trade statistics;
   - (h) Industrial statistics;
   - (i) International merchandise trade statistics;
   - (j) Statistics of human development;
   - (k) Collection and dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;
   - (l) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
   - (m) Regional statistical development in Africa;
   - (n) Development indicators.
4. Items for information:
   - (a) Health statistics;
   - (b) Population and housing censuses;
   - (c) Round table on business survey frames;
   - (d) International merchandise trade statistics;
   - (e) Statistics of international trade in services;
   - (f) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;
   - (g) Statistics of science and technology;
   - (h) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;
   - (i) Agricultural statistics;

(j) Environment statistics;

(k) Environmental accounting;

(l) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

(m) International economic and social classifications;

(n) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

(o) Principles governing international statistical activities.

5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fortieth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2008/L.1), as orally revised.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at its thirty-ninth session: the Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT); the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries; the Bank for International Settlements; the Banque Centrale des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BCEAO); and the Pacific Community.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-ninth session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.